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Applicant(s): Stefan SANNER) Group Art Unit: 1743
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For: DEVICE FOR TAKING AND EXAMINING SAMPLES

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 11 December 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-3, 7-8, and 10-12; cancel claims 4-6 and 9 without prejudice; and add new claims 13-21. The new and amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).

1. (AMENDED) A device for taking and examining samples, comprising a housing (50) in which a cartridge (30), a testing means (40) and a sample-taking means (10) are positioned, wherein the cartridge (30) is displaceable within the housing (50) such that a sample introduced by means of the sample-taking means (10) is operable to form a sample mixture with a content of the cartridge (30), and wherein the testing means (40) is

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